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Trial—Instructions—Uncontroverted Facts.—Terre Haute Electric Co. v. Kiely, 72 N. E. 658 (Ind.).—Held, that it is not error for the court to assume, in its instruction, the existence of uncontroverted facts.

It has been held that the court cannot assume a fact even though established by proof beyond controversy, Bal. & Susquehanna R. R. Co. v. Woodruff, 4 Md. 242; for it would be an invasion of the right of the jury. Zoune v. Wierson, 3 Chand. 240. But by the great weight of authority the court may, in its instruction, assume facts which are uncontroverted, Hall v. Monson, 90 Iowa 585; even though testified to by only one witness, First Nat. Bank v. Hatch, 98 Mo. 376; and such assumptions are not grounds for reversal. Mooney v. York Iron Co., 82 Mich. 263.